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Postponement of the Eighth Annual
Conference

With deep regret we withdraw our announcement in last issue that the eighth annual conference of the M. L. A. would meet at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., June 11-12. The decision to postpone the conference was taken by the President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Snider, the Librarian of Mount Allison University, who were obliged to take for granted the concurrence of the whole Executive. Dr. Corbett, who was to have been guest speaker at the public meeting on the 11th was obliged to cancel his appointment, and from librarians in all three provinces came regretful notifications that owing to the restrictions on motor travelling they might be unable to attend. The Mount Allison authorities were gallantly holding open the Women's Residence for the accommodation of the delegates with board and lodging, and all things promised a successful conference if we could have overcome the difficulties in travelling.

During the years since the reorganization of the Maritime Library Association in 1934 the institution has become a real educational force, and is recognized as such throughout Canada, the United States, and even in other countries. We must not allow its light to grow dim though this is a season of blackouts. Please send your annual fee as usual to the Secretary-Treasurer, who is also the Editor of the Bulletin, and whose address will be found on the first page of this issue. Unless the inglorious Fates prevent we shall meet in conference next summer and ring in a thousand years of peace.

NOTICE

The last page of this Bulletin consists of a form on which each member of the M. L. A. is earnestly requested to record his vote on two important issues. Please tear it off and return it to the Editor immediately, duly filled in and signed.

The President's Letter

It is with regret that we announce the cancellation of our annual meeting in June. Actually, it is only a postponement, for we feel that we shall be meeting within a year at the least.

A whole series of catastrophes fell our way after we had arranged a program which we thought extraordinarily good. Dr. E.A. Corbett, Director of Adult Education for Canada, had promised two months ago to be with us to address a public meeting on "Adult Education and Post-War Reconstruction" on the evening of June 11. The President of Mount Allison had consented to preside at the meeting which we hoped would be a rallying point for all the noble souls interested in adult education from Moncton to Truro, from Charlottetown to Saint John. The goose hung high, too high. Last week we had word from Dr. Corbett that his work was taking him to Washington, the West Coast, and on the day he was scheduled to speak to us he would be held in Toronto to attend a conference of the Reconstruction Committee, of which he is a member. That was the first blow. The second came when we had word that another of our speakers would in all probability be absent from the Maritimes during the Conference. This was followed by news of an acute gasoline shortage, and some of our members found that it would be easier to get through the eye of a needle than to get a tire. We felt that the attendance would consequently be so small that it was not fair to ask the Mount Allison authorities to keep the residence open and to make arrangements for our meals. After much consideration of pros and cons, the executive of the M.L.A. decided to postpone the meeting. Our thanks to Miss Snider for the time she spent in making such excellent arrangements, only to spend more hours in un-making them.

We very much regret having to miss Professor Gundy's talk on Medieval Libraries and Mr. Medd's account of English Country Libraries. However, we shall look upon these as deferred pleasures rather than lost speeches.

One important matter of a pressing nature was to have been decided at the Conference - the ratification of the Constitution of the Canadian Library Council and the re-election of the present representative from the M.L.A. This can be done almost equally well by mail, since the matter was discussed at last year's meeting thoroughly. Copies of the constitution were sent out by our capable Editor with the March Bulletin, and have probably been studied by us all. It is an extraordinarily well-planned and thorough piece of constitution making. The re-election of the outstanding librarians who were originally chosen by the A.L.A. to consider the formation of a Canadian Library Council and the additions they made to their group seems to us to assure an efficient and note-worthy personnel. The Editor is enclosing a form in this number of the Bulletin asking each member to vote on endorsing the Constitution and re-affirming the appointment of Miss Bateson as our member on the Canadian Library Council. Past experience has shown that we could have no more eloquent an advocate, or more sincere and better informed a representative.

In the meantime, let us go on with our jobs, conscious of the truth-of the remark made by J.D. Adams in a recent New York Times: "This is a war which is being fought for and about and with ideas, to an unprecedented degree, and books, which are repository of ideas, are weapons of might in that war."

Marion Gilroy

Treasurer's Statement

The cash on hand reported at last year's annual conference was \$137.88. We received during the year \$66.65, including \$10.00 from Miss Bateson, a gift towards the expenses of our guest speaker, Mr. Clyde Nunn. Our disbursements were \$69.03, for the first time exceeding our receipts. We had doubled the number of copies of the Bulletin and increased its size, as an incorporated body we had to pay filing fees, and we had other expenses commensurate with our needs as a progressive body. However, we have on hand today a cash balance of \$135.50. This will be considerably raised if all members will send their annual fees promptly. We could have a much better Bulletin if we had more funds. What about an Endowment? Could not a drive for this be undertaken in each of the three Maritimes?

Ontario Library Association

The forty-second Annual Conference of the O. L. A. was held Monday and Tuesday, April 6th and 7th, in Hamilton. The theme of the Conference, "Public Relations", was carried out by having speakers "look at" the library from different points of view.

The resolutions passed included one approving:

"the proposed constitution of the Canadian Library Council as submitted to the membership at this annual meeting"; a request that library boards generally encourage the various local organizations in the respective communities to preserve the records of their war activities and deposit them in public libraries for future historical use; an expression of desire that publishers of telephone books and city directories be respectfully urged to adopt the more convenient and logical arrangements of listing all names beginning with "Mc" and "Mac" in one continuous alphabetical arrangement and not separating them as at present.

The following is a Resolution of the Reference Workshop Section, Ontario Library Association, April 6th, 1942.

WHEREAS public libraries are continually called upon to furnish authentic information on the uniforms, insignia, badges, etc., of the various branches of the Canadian Navy, Army and Air Force, including the Women's services; and

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WHEREAS this information is not currently available in any one official published source; and

WHEREAS a government handbook would constitute the most authoritative source of information on the subject:

RESOLVED that the Reference Workshop Section request the Executive of the Ontario Library Association to have a recommendation forwarded to Ottawa that such a handbook be published, containing complete information on these subjects and fully illustrated, if possible in colour.

An Offer to Maritime Libraries

The Royal Bank of Canada
Head Office, Montreal

Mrs. Mary Kinley Ingraham
Acadia University Library, Wolfville, N.S.

Dear Mrs. Ingraham:

Would you be kind enough to publish this letter in the next issue of The Bulletin of the Maritime Library Association? I am anxious to bring this offer to the attention of as many librarians as possible. The Library of The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, P.Q., has available a large number of copies of the publications listed herewith. Before contributing them for paper salvage, we should be glad to give copies to any library or individual who could make use of them. Please send requests to the undersigned before September 30, 1942.

Yours very truly,

Mildred I. Turnbull, Librarian

Canada. Royal commission on banking and currency (1933)

Final hearings at Ottawa, September 14, 1933.

Canada. Standing committee on banking and commerce

Memoranda and tables respecting the Bank of Canada, extracted from the evidence of G.F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada and W.C. Clark, C.M.G., LL.D., Deputy minister of finance, given before the committee... session 1939.

Canada. Trade and commerce department

Sixty years of Canadian progress, 1867-1927; diamond jubilee of the Dominion of Canada.

Lemieux, L.J.

The governors-general of Canada, 1608-1931; including the salient events of each governor's tenure of office.

The Royal Bank of Canada.

Essays on Canadian economic problems; volume II, 1928-29: the economic aspects of the St. Lawrence waterway plan by Kathleen E. Best, The coal problem in Canada by S.A. Saunders, The sources and relative merits of the federal revenues by Neil H. Jacoby, and other essays; volume III, 1929-30: Canadian policy on commercial treaties by H.C. Flegg, The problem of securing additional sources

of revenue for provincial purposes by Neil H. Jacoby and other essays; volume IV, 1930-31: The economy of machine production in agriculture by Andrew Stewart.

The Royal Bank of Canada

Financing foreign trade; revised edition 1927.

Swanson, W.W.

Rail, road and river; a study of Canadian transportation problems. Toronto, Macmillan, 1937.

Notes and Personals

Miss Winifred Snider, a former President of the M.L.A., Assistant Librarian of Mount Allison University since 1933, has been appointed Librarian, it was announced by President Truman recently.

Miss Ethel Wigmore, daughter of the late Hon. R.W. Wigmore of Saint John, N.B., has been appointed Librarian of the Medical Research Council Library of the National Institute for Medical Research in London, England. Miss Wigmore has been in England since the beginning of the war.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Miss Greta K. Wallace on March 6, for twenty-three years the Curator and Librarian of the Church of England Institute at Saint John. Miss Wallace has been a member of the Maritime Library Association since 1935.

Miss Emilie Raymond, for twenty years the able Librarian of the Yarmouth Public Library, retired in January, and was succeeded by Miss Isobel MacDonald and Miss Celia Sallows. The Library increased in size and efficiency under Miss Raymond's leadership, and has now 27,000 volumes on its shelves.

The following is from a letter written to the Editor on May 2, by Miss Mabel Sterling of the University of New Brunswick, who has been ill for more than a year:

"Will you please convey to the members of the Maritime Library Association my appreciation and thanks for their letter extending to me sympathy in my long illness. Although no longer able to be actively identified with the work I like to feel I am still a part of the Association and so I am enclosing a dollar for my dues."

Prof. R.S. Longley's paper, "Historical Records in War and Peace," prepared for the M.L.A. Conference at Acadia University last summer, and published in the December number of our Bulletin, was reprinted in the Ontario Library Review for August.

From Miss Dorothy Cullen, P.E.I. Libraries, Charlottetown

A few weeks ago Mr. B.Graham Rogers of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau visited our library headquarters and had some photographs taken of the interior, with the object of including them in his tourist booklets. He also obtained pictures of the Prince of Wales College Library and the Legislative and Public Library, Charlottetown.

The library truck has been assigned to category D for the gas rationing. We are hoping that the reduction in unit value to two gallons is only temporary, so that we shall be able to carry on our annual exchange of books in the branches.